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TO

IMMEDIATE

IDEALIST

EYES ONLY KELLY JOHNSON FROM WENDELL BEVAN

1. IT APPEARS THE TIME HAS COME TO BARE OUR SOULS AND ADVISE YOU OF THE PROGRAMMED PHASE OUT OF THE IDEALIST PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW SOME CONCLUSIONS VIA RUMORS, RENEGOTIATION EFFORTS ON THE PART OF CONTRACTING PERSONNEL, ETC.; HOWEVER, I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT IT IS BEST TO BE APPRISED OF ANY MATTER FROM THE SOURCE VERSUS THE RUMOR MILL.

2. WE HAVE JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE [REDACTED] AND WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSE DOWN OF DETACHMENT "H" WILL COMMENCE 25 JULY 1974. THE TWO AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ZI AND TURNED OVER TO SAC APPROXIMATELY 1 AUGUST 1974. WE HAVE PROGRAMMED A PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WITHDRAWAL OVER THE SUBSEQUENT 90 DAYS AND FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES WILL LOCK THE KEY ON THIS DETACHMENT APPROXIMATELY 1 NOVEMBER 1974.

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TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AIR FORCE, THE SUBJECT OF QUALIFIED BLUE SUIT PERSONNEL BECAME A MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEM. IT IS BASICALLY REALIZED AND ACCEPTED THAT THE AIR FORCE AND SPECIFICALLY THE 10TH WING DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BLUE SUIT PERSONNEL TO SATISFY THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYED EDWARDS DETACHMENT IN THE MID EAST AREA. SINCE WE PRESENTLY HAVE 14 CONTRACTOR TYPE PERSONNEL IN PLACE, THE AIR FORCE IS DESIROUS OF NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONTRACTORS TO FILL THIS VOID FROM PRESENT IN-HOUSE RESOURCES THAT WILL BECOME AVAILABLE WITH THE PHASE OUT OF THE IDEALIST PROGRAM. SEVEN OF THESE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY LOCKHEED CONTRACTED PERSONNEL, THE REMAINDER ARE IN THE AREA OF COM NAV, EWS, AND SENSORS WHICH WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. IT IS THE AIR FORCE'S DESIRE THAT THESE PERSONNEL BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN 1 AUGUST TO REMAIN UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1974 AT WHICH TIME THEY FEEL SUFFICIENT TRAINED BLUE SUIT PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT. AS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL PRESENTLY AT THE TWO DETACHMENTS ("G" AND "H") THEY WILL START PHASING OUT AND

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TO BEING RETURNED TO YOU DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.
 YOU CAN ANTICIPATE DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE FROM OUR
 CONTRACTING PERSONNEL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

6. IT IS REALIZED, FROM THE NORMAL PROCESSING OF PERSONNEL
 MATTERS, THAT SOME SOLICITING OF INDIVIDUAL DESIRES, REVIEW OF
 RECORDS, RETIREMENT QUERIES, ETC. WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE
 INITIATED WITHIN YOUR PERSONNEL SYSTEM. WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO
 SELECT THE PERSONNEL DESIRED FROM THE TOTAL RESOURCES, IT IS
 ASSUMED THAT PRUDENT QUERIES AND/OR PROCEDURES IN THE NORMAL
 COURSE OF THIS EFFORT WOULD BE SUCH AS TO NOT FORMALLY AND
 OFFICIALLY CONFIRM, AT THIS TIME, THE CLOSE OUT OF DETACHMENT "H".

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7. IN ADDITION TO THIS MESSAGE I HAVE ASKED [REDACTED] TO MAKE
 A PERSONAL CALL AND APPRISE YOU OF THE SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY WE
 WILL BE ABLE TO MUTUALLY ACCOMPLISH THIS MATTER WITH AS LITTLE
 PAIN AS POSSIBLE TO ONE AND ALL. IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSIST-
 ANCE IN EFFECTING THIS TRANSITION AS SMOOTHLY AND AS PAINLESSLY
 AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO COMMUNICATE VIA ANY MEANS
 YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. E-2 IMPDET

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